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SUBJECT: ECOWAS PRESIDENT PROVIDES READ OUT ON ASSESSMENT
MISSION TO GUINEA AND CALLS FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTACT GROUP
MEETING

REF: A. ABUJA 1613
[1](#)B. CONAKRY 0624 (NOTAL)

Classified By: Political Counselor James P. McAnulty
for reasons in Sections 1.4 (B) and (D)

PRELIMINARY READ OUT OF ASSESSMENT MISSION

[1](#)1. (C) Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) President Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas requested an urgent meeting with PolCouns to review the latest state of play in Guinea. He provided PolCouns with a preliminary read out he received by telephone from Burkina Faso's Foreign Minister regarding an October 5 visit to Conakry by President Blaise Campaore, whom ECOWAS appointed as facilitator. According to Chambas, Campaore demanded that the military junta account for every citizen who disappeared after the brutal September 28 attack by security forces on demonstrators in Conakry. Thus far, the junta has made available only 58 bodies for burial, with over 100 persons still missing. Campaore further demanded that the junta provide medical care to injured persons who remained hospitalized, release detained political prisoners, and remove restrictions on the media. He also urged the junta to implement strict controls over the flow of arms within the military to avoid soldiers leaving their camps with weapons to terrorize civilians. Calling for a dialogue on the political process by the junta with the international community, Campaore proposed further talks in Ouagadougou during coming weeks.

INTERNATIONAL CONTACT GROUP TO MEET

[1](#)2. (C) Chambas revealed that he and other ECOWAS colleagues would fly to Ouagadougou October 7 for further consultations, after which he would report his findings to the International Contact Group meeting planned for October 12 in Abuja. He asked that Washington send a senior representative to the meeting. He also requested that the U.S. consider contributing to projected expenses, estimated at 670,000 dollars, for continued dialogue during the next three months. He reiterated his "extreme concern," noting a disturbing

regional trend toward installation of military governments. He called for solidarity to ensure that the military junta in Conakry not doubt international resolve. Pledging to continue working closely with the African Union (AU), he said he would support AU sanctions, which would of course apply as well to ECOWAS.

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